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In re Patent Application of:
Govil et al.

Application No.: 08/883,075

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For: ADHESIVE MIXTURE FOR TRANSDERMAL
DELIVERY OF HIGHLY PLASTICIZING
DRUGS

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 6, 2005 in this case. The sole remaining rejection in this case is one based on Mantelle et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,316,022 (Mantelle '022) under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).. The Mantelle '022 reference was last cited by the Examiner in the official action of July 23, 2002. At that time, Mantelle '022 was applied against then claims 84 and 86-92 under § 102(e), and that rejection, like the present one, included specific reference to the disclosure of DURO-TAK 87-2852 disclosed therein.

In response thereto, applicants filed a Declaration under Rule 131 swearing behind Mantelle '022. The rejection over Mantelle '022 was then withdrawn by the Examiner, and further rejections were then raised by the Examiner therein. It